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Team France lights up the sky over English Bay on Wednesday night during the 2014 Celebration of Light. As many as 300,000 people were expected to flock to Vancouver beaches to watch the extravaganza. The annual summer fireworks festival concludes Saturday with Team Japan.

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Park board may soon decide fate of cetaceans

Evening meeting. Commissioners set to reconvene to discuss captive belugas**EMILY JACKSON**
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The future of the Vancouver Aquarium's belugas could be decided at an evening meeting just before the August long weekend.

The park board will reconvene a special meeting to discuss a report on cetaceans in captivity on Thursday at 6 p.m. This meeting was called Monday night after the board finished hearing from dozens of speakers on the controversy.

While there is not yet a motion for the board to vote on,

procedures for special meetings would allow the commissioners to take "definitive action" on the issue of cetaceans in captivity, Vision Vancouver park board chair Aaron Jasper said Wednesday.

Commissioners could also simply accept the report or ask staff to report back with further information.

"I cannot confirm whether there is any motion coming forward of any sort," Jasper said. "We're processing all the information that we received from the report.... We're deliberating, contemplating what should the next steps be."

The report, compiled by Dr. Joseph Gaydos — chief scientist of the Wildlife Health Center's SeaDoc Society Program at the University of California, Davis — suggested a large scientific study on the welfare of captive cetaceans would be

the "ideal next step" in the debate.

Vision Vancouver commissioners have been holding caucus meetings over the past few days to discuss the report, a presentation from the aquarium and feedback from speakers.

If one of the Vision Vancouver commissioners puts forward a motion, it will pass because they hold a majority on the park board.

Jasper didn't reveal what action, if any, the board may take. He noted that his fellow commissioners want to phase out cetaceans in captivity, not release them from the tanks.

The report opened a can of worms about standards of care at the aquarium, Jasper said. He pointed to the fact that the aquarium owns and breeds more belugas than the board was previously aware of.



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Maple Ridge

33-year-old man the victim of fatal shooting

A 33-year-old man suffered multiple gunshot wounds before he died in Maple Ridge, but homicide investigators say they have no motive for why he was killed.

Trevor Koehler was pronounced dead in hospital Tuesday night after the shooting at about 10 p.m. at a townhouse in the Metro Vancouver suburb.

Police are looking for a compact import car, possibly a white or cream-coloured Honda, Toyota or Acura.

They say Koehler had no criminal record and that the shooting does not appear to be gang-related.

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High-speed pursuit

Vancouver cop lied about what happened during chase: Adjudicator

A police complaints adjudicator has ruled against a Vancouver police officer who was accused of ramming a suspect during a car chase and lying about what happened.

Retired B.C. Court of Appeal judge Bill Smart says Const. Christopher Charters rammed an SUV during a high-speed pursuit but instead said on his police radio that the suspect vehicle had attempted to hit him. An internal Vancouver Police Department review proposed firing Charters, though the adjudicator has yet to decide what punishment Charters will face. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The property beside the east off-ramp of the Granville Bridge is for sale. CONTRIBUTED

City lax in consulting public on land sale?

\$36.1M. Cedar Party questions level of dialogue on property near Granville Bridge



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An upstart political party is accusing the city of secrecy over plans to sell a chunk of land by the Granville Bridge in hopes of getting a windfall of cash, a new aquatic centre, affordable housing or a mixture of all three.

The Cedar Party claims the sale of the land by the bridge's east loop should involve public

consultation because it could involve relocating the 40-year-old Vancouver Aquatic Centre that sits on prime waterfront real estate on Beach Avenue, council candidate Nicholas Chernen said Wednesday.

"It's a massive project that will affect a major transportation line and impacts a major community amenity," Chernen said. "We think this requires public awareness, public dialogue, and that hasn't happened."

But the city's general manager of real estate and facilities management Bill Aujla says it's too soon to discuss what would happen to the aquatic centre because renewing the centre is just an option for bidders.

Potential buyers could simply offer cash — the property is valued at \$36,135,568 — or a mix of money and amenities.

The city's wish list for amenities in the area was developed with help from the park board. It includes 120 non-market housing units, a renewed Vancouver Aquatic Centre on the property (complete with three pools and a universal change room) and a West End facility for Qmunity, the LGBTQ resource centre.

The city decided to sell the surplus land because it was getting unsolicited offers for the property from international and local developers, Aujla said.

"We're looking at a hot market at that site in particular," he

said, noting the high development in the area. (Its neighbours include the prestigious, twisted Vancouver House tower, which stirred controversy by marketing to rich buyers in Asia before sales opened locally.)

"We're trying to get ... many competitors to make a bid on the property," he said.

The city has advertised the sale in three local newspapers and with the Urban Development Institute since it put up the invitation to offer bids in May. So far, nearly 100 sales packages have been distributed.

Buyers can make offers until Aug. 15. Council must approve any offer before the city sells the land.

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Police bust alleged '856' gang drug stash

Three men arrested.

Police say they have seized \$400,000 worth of drugs during a month-long investigation

Three men have been arrested and close to \$400,000 worth of

drugs have been seized during a gang bust in Langley, according to police.

The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of B.C. (CFSEU-BC) announced the bust on Wednesday, bringing to an end a month-long investigation into the alleged activities of the growing "856" gang.

On July 22, members of the specialized police unit arrested a man outside an apartment

building in the 4600 block of 236th Street in Langley.

Police say the suspect, a known member of the "856" gang, was alleged to be in possession of "significant quantities" of cocaine and methamphetamine.

According to police, two other men, who were unaware that police were there, arrived at the scene in a vehicle. These men were also suspects in the

investigation. One was arrested on the spot, while the second fled on foot and was later caught by a police dog unit.

The next day, police conducted a search of an apartment inside the building and discovered what they believe to be a drug processing and packaging operation.

The unit seized 2.514 kilograms of cocaine, 3.846 kg of methamphetamine, 522 grams

of heroin, 123 tablets of oxycodone and 44.062 kg of "buff" (a substance used for cutting cocaine). They also seized a 20-ton press (used to create bricks of cocaine) and \$5,464 in cash.

Police say they believe that all three men arrested — aged 23, 25 and 47 — are high-ranking members of the "856" gang.

The men have been released from custody pending charges.

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Items seized from alleged members of the 856 gang. COURTESY CFSEU-BC

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Ebola. Risk of outbreak in Canada 'extremely low,' say public health experts

As international concerns grow over the potential spread of the deadly Ebola virus outside of West Africa, Canadian public health experts say the risk of an outbreak in Canada is very low.

Jennifer Gardy, senior scientist for the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, and host of CBC's *The Nature of Things: Myth or Science*, said the likelihood of Ebola appearing in Canada is "extremely, extremely low."

"Even though it is a scary disease, it's actually really difficult to catch Ebola," she told Metro. "It engenders a lot more fear in the public than is really warranted."

Gardy said the disease only spreads through contact with body fluids and secretions from an infected person who is actively showing symptoms of the disease.

Her assurance comes a day after humanitarian group Samaritan's Purse erroneously reported that a Victoria physician had voluntarily placed himself under quarantine after returning Saturday from a trip

to West Africa to help combat the Ebola outbreak.

Although the information was incorrect, the report sparked widespread media coverage, including a Metro story that was briefly online Tuesday, highlighting fears of the possibility that aid workers could bring Ebola back to their home countries.

But Dr. Bonnie Henry, medical director for the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, said relief workers are given strict protocols to follow that require them to self-monitor for symptoms of the disease for 21 days after they return to their home country.

Canada's deputy chief public health officer Dr. Gregory Taylor issued a statement Wednesday explaining the procedures Canada has in place to prevent the spread of serious infectious diseases like Ebola.

Taylor said Canada's Quarantine Act requires airlines and airport authorities to report any traveller who shows signs of nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. **THANDI FLETCHER/METRO**

\$5.3B project

B.C. environment officials approve proposed mine

The British Columbia government has granted environmental approval for a proposed \$5.3-billion mine in the province's north on the site of one of the largest gold and copper deposits in the world.

Mines Minister Bill Bennett says the project is a success story when it comes to including First Nations.

The federal government has also conducted a review. Bennett says he expects a decision from Ottawa in the fall. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Johnsons Landing

Evacuation order lifted two years after landslide

Almost two years after a landslide tore down the slopes of Johnsons Landing, B.C., claiming the lives of four people, the last of the evacuated residents are allowed to return home.

The largest landslide to hit the region in 12,000 years struck July 12, 2012, sending 320,000 cubic metres of rock and mud down an area known as Gar Creek, destroying four homes and damaging others. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto police officer faces another charge in Sammy Yatim shooting

Attempted murder.

The Crown added the allegation to an already existing murder charge

The Toronto cop charged with second-degree murder in the streetcar shooting of teenager Sammy Yatim last summer has been charged again.

On Wednesday, the Crown revealed that it had added the charge of attempted murder to the indictment of Const. James Forcillo, leaving him in an apparent contradiction: prosecutors claim he both murdered and attempted to murder

Yatim.

Yatim was killed after brandishing a small knife on the streetcar last July. Once passengers evacuated the vehicle, several police officers approached the open front doors and ordered Yatim to drop the knife.

Several videos of the event show a single officer — later identified as Forcillo — firing nine times, leaving the boy crumpled on the floor. Yatim was then Tasered and handcuffed before being taken to hospital.

After a court appearance Wednesday morning, Forcillo's lawyer Lawrence Gridin said the new charge indicates weakness in the Crown's case.

"The Crown's changing theory just highlights that this

case is by no means clear-cut, and we are looking forward to presenting a strong defence," Gridin wrote in an email to Torstar News Service.

Police Association President Mike McCormack claimed the two charges are contradictory.

"We're scratching our heads; the public is scratching their heads; no one understands it," he said. "To us, it's like throwing all sorts of stuff at the wall and seeing what sticks."

After discussing the case with Forcillo's lawyers, McCormack speculated that the new charge might reflect the fact that the officer felt threatened by Yatim.

"It seems Forcillo could have been justified in firing

some, but not all, of the shots," he said.

Legal experts say charging the same person with murder and attempted murder is very rare. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Sammy Yatim
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Const. James Forcillo, left, and his wife Irina Forcillo leave the Old City Hall courthouse in Toronto on June 17. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Israel strikes UN school, shopping area in Gaza

Crisis in the Middle East.

Hopes for a ceasefire growing dimmer as both sides escalate fighting

Israeli strikes hit a crowded shopping area in Gaza City Wednesday, hours after tank shells tore through the walls of a UN school crowded with war refugees in the deadliest of a series of air and artillery attacks that pushed the Palestinian death toll above 1,360 in more than three weeks of fighting.

The bloodshed came on the heels of an escalation by both sides fighting in the embattled coastal territory, fur-

Quoted

"Nothing is more shameful than attacking sleeping children."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, in condemning the attack on a UN school in Gaza. Ban said "all available evidence points to Israeli artillery as the cause" of the attack.

ther dimming prospects for a sustainable ceasefire despite international diplomatic efforts.

The attack on the UN school in the Jebeliya refugee camp was the second deadly strike on a UN compound in a week. Tank shells slammed into the compound before dawn, said Adnan Abu Hasna, a spokesman for the UN Relief

Polls

Israelis show vast support for war effort

Despite Israeli casualties and world criticism, a near-consensus in Israel supports the government's conduct of the Gaza war, views Hamas as the aggressor and considers outsiders'

moralizing as hypocritical, ignorant or both. And in an echo-chamber fed by ubiquitous updates on Hamas rocket and tunnel attacks, the minority of local voices that do agonize over Gazans' suffering are being silenced in a way rarely seen in a country long proud of its spirited, democratic debate.

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and Works Agency, which is sheltering more than 200,000 people displaced by the fighting at UN schools across Gaza.

The Israeli military said

it fired back after its soldiers were targeted by mortar rounds launched from the vicinity of the school.

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Palestinians inspect damage to houses from a fallen minaret of the Al-Soussi mosque that was destroyed in an Israel strike at the Shati refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip on Wednesday. **LETERIS PITAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Audit just start of troubles for charity

Charitable status at risk. The head of CoDev is feeling 'stressed' about complying with order to translate all documents into French or English

A small Vancouver charity that helps the poor in Latin

America has survived an audit of its political activities but is now struggling with fresh demands from the Canada Revenue Agency.

CoDevelopment Canada Association — known as CoDev — faces the crippling prospect of translating every scrap of paper it receives from 17 partners in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and elsewhere from Span-

ish into either English or French.

The demand, set out in a January compliance letter from the CRA, will start to bite this fall as the tiny four-person shop begins to receive banker's boxes full of Spanish-language documents from its Latin American projects, including taxi cabs and bus-fare receipts.

The group's executive

director, Barbara Wood, says the newly imposed requirement will drain away scarce resources, yet must be carried out or CoDev risks losing its charitable status.

"It makes me feel uncertain and a little bit stressed," Wood said in an interview. "I'm feeling fairly vulnerable."

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The Canada Revenue Agency headquarters in Ottawa in 2011. A small Vancouver charity that helps the poor in Latin America has survived an audit, but now is struggling with fresh demands from the CRA. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Ticket me Elmo? Costumed characters demanding tips for pics no laughing matter

New York City officials are turning up the heat on Elmo, Cookie Monster and Statue of Liberty impersonators — Times Square costumed characters who often demand money for posing in photos with tourists.

The city wants to rein in a summertime spike in badly behaving characters such as the Spider-Man accused of punching a police officer recently.

But that could be easier said than done. Legal experts say proposals for a city law to possibly require licences and background checks could violate

free-speech rights.

At issue is whether the characters can be considered street performers protected by the First Amendment or whether they are engaged in commercial activity subject to regulation. It depends on whether the characters merely hope for tips or demand money. Some tourists have complained about being harassed for payment.

In about the past year, a Cookie Monster was accused of shoving a two-year-old and an Elmo was heard berating tourists with anti-Semitic slurs.

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WHEN SOMEONE GREAT IS GONE

What have I become?

Back in my youth (2010), I wrote a column about not owning a cellphone. Even then, it was such an unusual state of affairs that a Calgary talk-radio station called me for an interview about it.

Sample excerpt: HOST: So you don't have a cellphone? ME: No. HOST: Wow.

Then, in 2011, in an example of how consistent and steadfast I am when I believe in something, I bought a cellphone.

I was using it all the time, only looking up from the screen for automobile crashes, and then only to Instagram them.

My phone was a part of me. I'd become everything I'd ever mildly disliked.

Now, years later, allow me to share the third chapter of this tragedy: My cellphone isn't working properly and it's killing me. What's saddest is that the phone



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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still works. It's just charging inconsistently, sometimes leaving me without access for a few hours, tops.

But I'm like a heroin addict who knows his product and can tell the hit's been stepped on a few too many times. (NOTE: All drug lingo accurate as of Season 5 of *The Wire*.)

I sicken myself, and not only because this column has more "i's" in it than a new Apple product's press release.

I'm glued to my phone, and for the dumbest reasons: Facebook. Twitter. Video games that aren't even as good as the ones from the '80s.

Who goes through withdrawal for these things? Here's how bad it is: There was a

story in the news this week about a huge solar flare that could have disabled all electronics on Earth and my first

thought, I swear to God, was "Oh, my poor phone!"

Life on Earth would have been set back decades and all I could think about was dozens of *Angry Birds* suddenly squawking out in terror, then suddenly silenced.

In the movies people who get hooked up to supercomputers always become hyper-intelligent demi-gods with aspirations of world domination.

Reality suggests the person would become a drooling cyber-cypher whose message for the world would be random messages of "THIS!" "WANT!" and "SO MUCH THIS!" First we squandered television's potential, now we're wasting the Internet's.

If the abacus had been invented this week, we'd use the beads to make clacking noises and penis shapes.

I asked who goes through withdrawal for these things. Well, everybody, near as I can tell. What have I become? You and you and YOU.

So at least I'm not alone. Who says technology is pulling us apart?

THE GIVING (& GIVING & GIVING) TREE



Artist Sam Van Aken's rendition of what the Tree of 40 Fruit will look like when it reaches 10 years of age. Van Aken describes his project as art, research and conservation. IMAGES SAM VAN AKEN COURTESY OF RONALD FELDMAN FINE ART

Artist's Tree of 40 Fruit Project growing into maturity

New York-based artist Sam Van Aken has brought together a plethora of fruit trees to create supertrees with the capacity to grow more than 40 different varieties of fruit.

Created through the process of grafting, the Tree of 40 Fruit appears as a regular tree most of the year, but in spring its chimera nature reveals itself when it blossoms

Quoted

"I realized the extent to which we've created these massive monocultures."

Sam Van Aken, artist behind the Tree of 40 Fruit project, who said in a TED talk that it was difficult to find the varieties of stone fruit for his project.

in variegated tones of pink, white and crimson. Come summer, it bears a multitude of fruit, including peach, plum, apricot, nectarine, cherry and almond. **METRO**



Tree 75 in the spring at five years old with its various flowers blooming.

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Self-harmie? Snafuie? Pick your portmanteau



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Look, if we're going to continue with the reckless endangerment in pursuit of that perfect daredevil selfie, then we're also going to need a word for any misfortune that results. The portmanteau era demands it.

So what's it going to be? What do we call something like this, where our selfie-snapping hero nearly finds himself on the business end of a bull at a French festival? A self-harmie? A snafuie? There should also be a word to describe society's failure in not coming up with this already. (lexflex freeman/YouTube)



GETTY IMAGES FILE

Squamish Valley music fest is star-studded, but pricey

Top talent. Festival's stacked lineup features Eminem, Bruno Mars, Arcade Fire, NAS, Arctic Monkeys and Broken Bells



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Lower Mainlanders sure like to complain.

Earlier this week, for example, I bumped into my neighbour in our building's elevator. Being super-personable downtowners and having to travel down eight floors together, we temporarily holstered our electronic devices and struck up what turned out to be an abbreviated conversation.

"Beautiful day," I said.

"Yeah. Too hot, though."

Too hot? I'm sorry, but this is not a legitimate complaint. Because it's not too hot. It's not raining. And this, Van-people, is something we all must embrace.

Also to be hugged tightly: outdoor festivals. These things are as fleeting as that big ball of fire in the sky.

The next one on the calendar is the Squamish Valley Music Festival, which goes down Aug. 8-10 at Centennial Field, Logger Sports Grounds and Hendrickson Fields in Squamish.

The festival features a pretty stacked lineup, including Eminem, Bruno Mars, Arcade Fire, Arctic Mon-

If you go

The Squamish Valley Music Festival runs Aug. 8-10 at Centennial Field, Logger Sports Grounds and Hendrickson Fields.

- **Fees:** \$149 per day, \$325 for the weekend or \$350 for a campsite.

- **Website:** SquamishFestival.com.

keys, Broken Bells, Foster The People, NAS, The Roots, Lykke Li, Thievery Corporation and many more.

But it's gonna cost ya.

You can get weekend passes (\$325 plus fees) or you can opt for the single-day variety (\$149 plus fees). There are VIP passes available as well (\$799 plus fees). Visit the website to find out just what's included for that.

It's also not too late to get a camping site (a 10x12-foot plot and four camping wristbands), but they're limited (three out of four campgrounds are already sold out).

It costs \$350 (plus fees) for camping. Premium camping is available for \$1,000 (plus fees). It includes trees. There's also a \$25 (plus fees) charge for camping parking.

Also note that this year's festival is cashless (with the exception of the campgrounds and artisan village).

That means for beer gardens, food vendors and merchant sites, you will need to pre-load your RFID wristband (which is your festival pass) before you arrive. Or do it



Win Butler and Arcade Fire are part of the lineup for the Squamish Valley Music Festival. GETTY IMAGES FILE

once you get it.

That also comes with a \$3.50 service fee, so make sure you load that thing up with plenty of credit. You can re-load it onsite or via the festival's app, but each time will

cost you \$3.50.

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Waters happy under his own thumb

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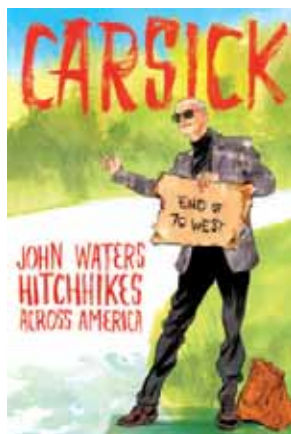
Auteur and author John Waters unsure if he'll make another film as he promotes latest book *Carsick*

Comical cult legend John Waters says he doesn't know if he'll make another film again, and he's fine with that.

After writing and directing over a dozen features, earning nicknames including the Baron of Bad Taste and the Pope of Trash for his subversive screen stories, he's found happiness in penning books as it gets harder and harder to secure financing for new big-screen projects.

"I want to make another movie, but if I don't, I have many ways to tell my stories," Waters said in a telephone interview to promote his seventh book, *Carsick*.

"They want me to make (films) on the budgets I made *Female Trouble* and *Polyester*,



and I can't be a faux underground filmmaker at 68.

"It's just like when they wanted me to come to Occupy Baltimore. I'm for it, I'm for all anarchy kids — as a matter of fact, I want a hacker boyfriend, because they stay home, they're up in their bedrooms shutting down governments," the openly gay writer-director-actor continued with a laugh from his Baltimore

On not being recognized

"But once I stood there for 10 hours, are you kidding? I prayed somebody would recognize me. When I had to walk down in those Holiday Inns at seven in the morning to those breakfast rooms with the truckers, I was prayin' somebody would recognize me, but they usually never did."

John Waters

home.

"But at the same time I said, 'I own three homes and a summer rental. I can't really be too much of an anarchist.' Brigid Berlin, the great Warhol star, said to me ... 'How can we be bad at 70?' What a great line that was. That we even want to be, at 70."

The baddest thing Waters has done lately? Hitchhiking from his Baltimore house to

his apartment in San Francisco for *Carsick*, now on shelves.

The book begins with fictionalized hitchhiking scenarios he imagined might happen to him on the road. It then gives a humorous account of his actual 2012 trip with drivers including a minister's wife, a young man in a red Corvette and a coal miner.

His cover was eventually blown after he was picked up by the indie band Here We Go Magic and they tweeted about it, leading to a flurry of posts of his adventure on social media.

Holding out his thumb roadside with a cardboard sign and signature pencil-thin moustache gave him a new outlook on Middle America, said the writer-director of 1988's *Hairspray* and 1994's *Serial Mom*.

"I always said before, I do great in the high life and the low life — I can do well at the Cannes Film Festival, I do well in prison, I don't do well in a shopping mall. But I think that changed, because I think Middle America is different now. I think people have changed. I think it's all because of the Internet and the global community and everything.

"Everybody's better, everybody's a little cooler, everybody's a little less judgmental. Even Republicans, even people that I don't believe in their politics at all."

Before Waters embarked on the trip, he didn't want to push being recognized by his drivers.

"But once I stood there for 10 hours, are you kidding? I prayed somebody would recognize me," he said. "When I had to walk down in those Holiday Inns at seven in the morning to those breakfast rooms with the truckers, I was prayin' somebody would recognize me, but they usually never did."

Waters battled rainy weather, stayed in motels and dined at truck stops and fast-food restaurants on his trip, which his assistants tracked via GPS. Some passersby and patrons at rest stops offered him money, thinking he was homeless.

"It was like being in Pink Flamingos, at the end when they say, 'Let's sleep in gas station lavatories' — I WAS in gas station lavatories," exclaimed Waters, who wrote and directed 1972's *Pink Flamingos*.

"In the beginning you

say, 'Well, I wouldn't get in a car like this, I wouldn't do this.' But by the time you're really out there doing it for five days, I said I'd get in Ted Bundy's car. If he had a Volkswagen and a broken arm and pulled up, I would've gotten in with him."

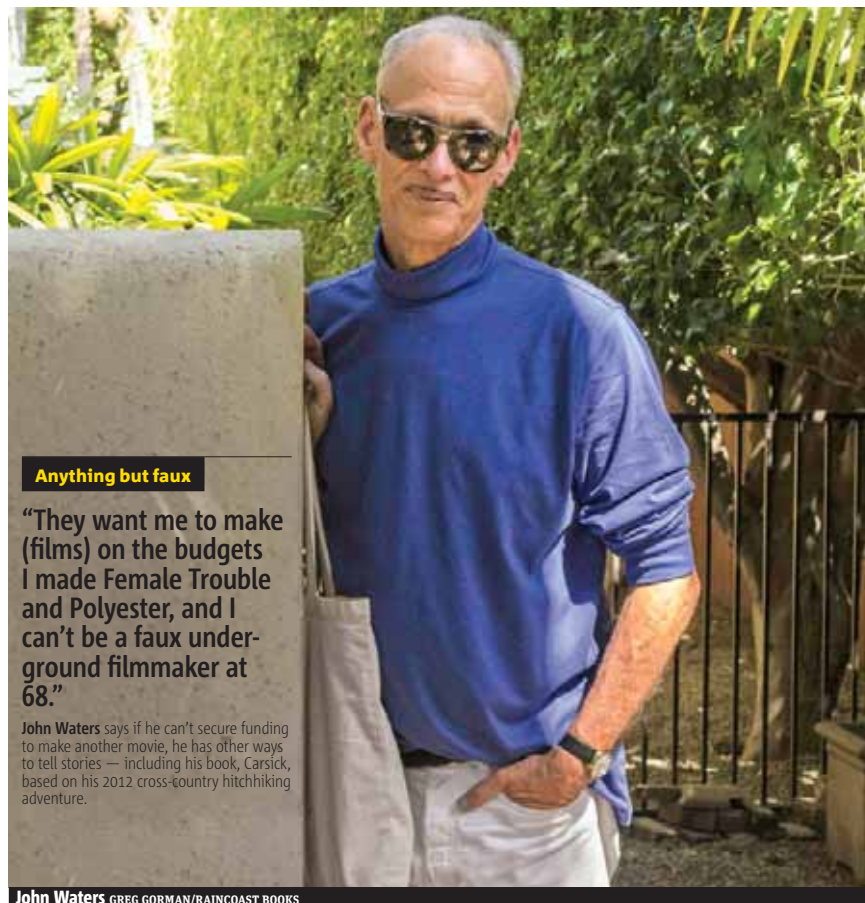
In fact, the more offbeat the driver the better for Waters, who noted he's more interested in "people that think they're normal but are insane."

"Because that's all the characters I make movies about," he said.

Waters has also picked up hitchhikers himself.

"The last time I remember picking up a hitchhiker was in Baltimore and it was in the daytime and it was a young kid and he jumped in the car and started huffing glue and I thought, 'Well make yourself comfortable,'" he said.

"But then he offered me some and I said, 'Well not on Tuesday at 11 in the morning. Maybe Friday night.' ... I thought it was sort of shocking and it made me laugh. He wasn't scary or anything. But then again, the hitchhiker with the birthmark in Texas Chainsaw Massacre is my type." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Anything but faux

"They want me to make (films) on the budgets I made *Female Trouble* and *Polyester*, and I can't be a faux underground filmmaker at 68."

John Waters says if he can't secure funding to make another movie, he has other ways to tell stories — including his book, *Carsick*, based on his 2012 cross-country hitchhiking adventure.

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Gwyneth Paltrow

Paltrow and Martin still consciously uncoupling — just don't snap a pic

Here's some rather bizarre behaviour for you: Gwyneth Paltrow attended the premiere and after-party for new film *Hector and the Search for Happiness* with estranged husband Chris Martin, but then decided

they probably shouldn't be photographed together. That led to an odd series of photos that included the singer ducking into the back seat of their SUV and trying to hide behind decorative shrubbery.

Billy Bob was too late to be Saved by the Bell

What with his Emmy-nominated performance on *Fargo*, Billy Bob Thornton definitely has a taste for television now. And he's got a few ideas about other shows on which he'd like to appear. "There's so much good stuff on TV," he tells *E!* News. "Maybe I can play what's his name? Hodor on *Game of Thrones*, the guy who only says, 'Hodor.' Maybe I could be his cousin or something, his long-lost cousin." Of course, life is not without regret, as Thornton jokes that he came



Billy Bob Thornton

to television too late for one dream role. "Saved by the Bell is not on anymore, so I think I missed my chance," he says.

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Bloom and Biebs brawl almost too good to be true



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Metro in Hollywood

Orlando Bloom is a tough guy to piss off. He has one of the most charmed, stress-free existences going, and he knows it. He's handsome, he's got a fancy British accent and his status as a movie star remains unchallenged despite not doing much noteworthy beyond the *Lord of the Rings*. The man generally walks around with an "Isn't it awesome being me?" grin on his face. So getting him riled up has to be a challenge. And you know who's up to that challenge? Justin Bieber.

Bloom and the Biebs were living it up (separately) at Cipriani's in Ibiza — because of course they were — when some bad blood between the pair erupted into Bloom taking a swing at Bieber. "Justin was at one table, and Orlando was at another," a source tells *Page Six*. "But when Bieber and his party were later walking past Bloom's table, Orlando refused to shake Bieber's hand." Then, "Bieber said something rude to Orlando, like, 'She was good.'" That comment was apparently



about Bloom's ex-wife, Miranda Kerr, a Victoria's Secret model who has previously had to spend time with Bieber because being a Victoria's Secret model is actually a terrible, terrible job.

People, this is amazing. This is gossip Christmas. Wispy, non-threatening millionaires trying to slap-fight in an Ibiza nightclub with Diddy and Paris Hilton looking on? It's so perfect I almost don't believe it. But there's video of the incident, so maybe the universe really is just this rewarding.

Hours after fleeing the scene, Bieber took the only recourse that feels natural to him: social-media taunting. He posted a photo of Kerr in a bikini to his Instagram account, then quickly deleted it — but not before it could get more than 94,000 likes. Sick burn, bro.



Scarlett Johansson ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

First comes the baby for Scarlett Johansson

Don't expect to see Scarlett Johansson in a wedding dress until after she finishes up with this whole being pregnant thing, according to *Us Weekly*. "She is telling friends that she is not getting married until after the baby," a source explains.

There's no word on when her baby with French fiancé Romain Dauriac is due, but with her work on *Avengers 2* complete and her promotional duties for *Lucy* behind her, Johansson is said to be taking it easy and enjoying her pregnancy.

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@KevinHart4Real

My lady just caught me male twerking in the bathroom naked. I just stopped & immediately apologized & said please don't judge me. FML



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Air conditioning is so 2013. Beat the heat by chilling out and having fun at the same time

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Sticky, hot weather might make folks lie low this month, but there are ways to enjoy even the doggiest days of summer.

Let's start with cooling refreshments. Think ice cream, Popsicles, and plenty of H₂O. Stay cool as a cucumber with water-laden fruits and veggies such as watermelon, peaches, lettuce and cantaloupe. Create a repertoire of no-cook meals to help keep your kitchen cool.

Wacky ways to cool off

- Freeze your pillow cases and sheets in a plastic bag. Make the bed with the frozen bedding just before you hit the hay.
- Run cool water on your wrists or rest your pulse point against cold metal.
- Dip your toes in icy water.
- Apply thin, cold cucumber slices to your face while lying down.
- Keep sunscreen, moisturizer and other summer potions chilled in the fridge.

Slather on the sunscreen and don sunglasses. Throw on a hat or scarf to protect your noggin and consider using a parasol, the ultimate in eco sun-block aids.

Water is the definitive refresher when it comes to blistering summer temperatures. There's nothing like a cold splash from a hose to immediately chill

down. Hook the hose up to a sprinkler and you have an afternoon of fun and activity. Add a plastic sheet, and you have your very own splash pad. At the very least, keep a spray bottle in the fridge for a quick cool down.

Pool play has come a long way from volleyball and Marco Polo. Host a pool party in which revellers



Create your own splash pad with a sprinkler and a plastic sheet, taking fun to the next level this summer. SHUTTERSTOCK

help create a human whirlpool, or consider facilitating an aqua-fit class. Play iconic summer tunes, such as those by the Beach Boys, and then twirl, lunge and shimmy your way to fitness.

If a river, pond or lake is more your style of watering

hole, strap on snorkel masks and hunt for hidden treasures or explore the aquatic plant and animal life.

Water guns, blasters and soakers are a great way to beat the heat. What's more fun than squirting cold water on an unsuspecting

friend or relative?

If you don't like guns, try using cheaper homemade alternatives such as liquid dish soap or ketchup containers, dollar store spray bottles, or water-spraying toys that aren't shaped like a weapon.



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A Roland Mouret mash-up? Now that's Banana's!

Nine-to-five knockout.

Celebrated French designer's collection for Banana Republic on its way to Canadian stores

**TINA
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Metro World News

HR, beware: The workplace is about to get a whole lot sexier.

The latest in the world of high/low designer collaborations has arrived.

French designer Roland Mouret is bringing his sexy, fitted dresses to Banana Republic for a limited-edition capsule heavy on the brand's signature stretchy Sloan fabric.

The Banana Republic Sloan fabric is a unique blend of rich, bi-stretch fabric, which creates a "magic" fit that shapes through figure-flattering silhouettes.

Mouret, famous for his exceptional skills in draping, structure and style, naturally gravitated toward this signature material, which he hand-draped, cut and pinned on the body to create this iconic capsule.

The nearly 30-piece collection will shine a light on Mouret's craftsmanship talents

Fitted and fabulous

"The common goal for this collection is to offer incredible fit through an assortment of hourglass silhouettes."

Roland Mouret



Model Karolina Kurkova poses with Roland Mouret in a behind-the-scenes campaign shoot for his upcoming collection. CONTRIBUTED

through the use of this dynamic fabric.

"The common goal for this collection is to offer incredible fit through an assortment of hourglass silhouettes," says the designer, who is also focusing

on "extending my love of structure into accessible prices." Score.

The collection will be available at select stores across Canada and online at bananarepublic.ca on August 7, 2014.



Forget Paris

A socialite who sticks to a budget



Nicky Hilton GETTY IMAGES

Nicky Hilton is releasing a new book to help other women develop their own personal style. In *365 Style*, (being released Sept. 2) Hilton gives tips on dressing like a million bucks without breaking the bank. Through her tips, readers will figure out not only what their personal style is, but what types of clothes look best on their body type. After they know what guidelines to go by, they'll have an easier time shopping within their budget. **METRO**

Pop out some polish

Colour your fingers on the fly



Essie's new Color Boutique CONTRIBUTED

Essie, everyone's favourite affordable, on-trend nail brand has unveiled the Essie Color Boutique, a self-service kiosks that dispenses 48 Essie shades, including 42 permanent colours and six new seasonal shades. **METRO**

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Sarah

Age: 26

Occupation: Actor

What she's wearing:

El Easteria leather bag from a market in Florence, Italy, Aritzia Tulula tank top, Levi skinny jeans, Blue Topaz Crystal necklace, feather earring hand

made by Desiree Lyver, D&Y hat, and Birkenstock sandals.

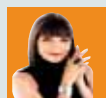
Her inspiration:

"My family is from Cape Town, South Africa, so I am drawn to earth tones and pastels. I like to dress how I feel — grounded, brazen, and free... with a bit of sass."

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Digital art is fast becoming one of the newest interior design trends and now a new startup has come up with a slick way of integrating the concept into your home.

Framed is an HD-display screen set in a walnut frame which can be hung on your wall to display an infinite number of GIFs, videos, animations and graphics at the flick of a finger.

The smartphone-integrated device lets users instantly display art remotely using their iPhone or Android.

The luxury product comes with its own app, al-

lowing artworks from all over the internet to be instantly transferred to your own walls. Users can interact with the device using hand gestures, and aspiring artists are encouraged to share their own work for purchase via the app.

"The evolution of technology and accessibility of the Internet has brought out a wonderful range of digital art, and now we have an innovative way of sharing that art, and presenting it in a way that pays respect to the artists that created them," explains FRM Co-Founder and Creative Director Yugo Nakamura.

The HD screen and integrated computer lets users display artworks found online, or even upload their own. Framed has a Kickstarter starting price of \$399 US.

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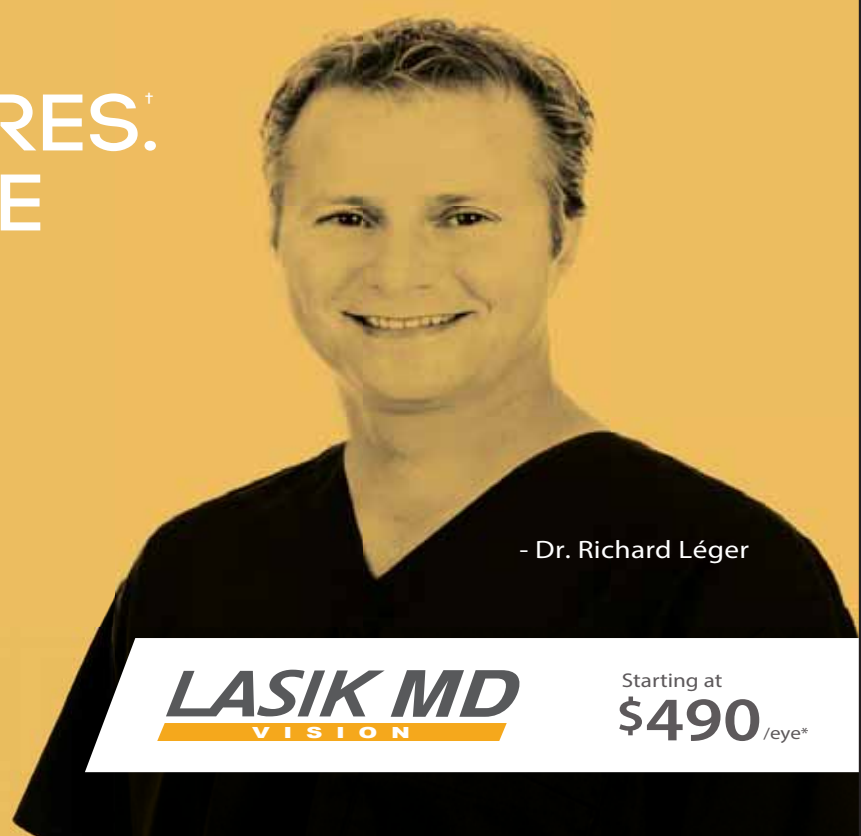


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By the time the end of July rolls around, you're probably working hard to score that coveted cottage invite from a friend. But before you unload the car and jump in the lake, acquaint yourself with some common cottage courtesies. Metro talks to Sue ten Brummeler, owner of onlinecottage rental.ca, about cottage etiquette whether you're renting a private property or heading to a family friend's place. After all, you want to get invited back, don't you?

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Be on time (for everyone's sake)

If you're renting a private cottage, confirm ahead of time when the check-in and check-out times are and treat the times firm like you would a hotel. You don't want the next guests to wander in while you're applying After Bite to your partner's hard-to-reach places. Going to a friend's place? Send a text when you're leaving so they have a vague idea of when you'll arrive.



Avoid awkward surprises. Don't arrive unannounced or overstay your welcome. ISTOCK



Bring food, preferably enough for everyone

"If you're going with friends, bring at least one meal and even ask to participate in making it," says ten Brummeler. "Bring your own booze even if they say not to." If you're renting a private cottage you'll want to fill the cooler ahead of time. If the owners have left something in the fridge, leave it be. Besides, those burgers could be from last summer. Some things are usually OK to use, added ten Brummeler, like olive oil and spices.

Ask about water and septic systems



First-time cottage-goers might not be familiar with a septic system, which is sewage treatment where water waste exits the cottage into an elaborate maze of tanks and pipes under the ground. "Key is to get as much info as possible from the owner," says ten Brummeler. "What's the capacity, what the system can take, how many people, etc." So be careful what you flush. You do NOT want septic problems during your vacation.

The facilities might not be as primitive as an outhouse, but that doesn't mean you'll always be able to flush. ISTOCK

Remove garbage



Depending on where you are travelling, the cottage may or may not have municipal garbage collection. Find out ahead of time when garbage pickup is and, if provided, use a curbside garbage box to mitigate animal issues. If you're somewhere remote, ten Brummeler advises to ask the owner where to keep garbage until you leave. The biggest concern here? "Bears!"

Guess who's coming to dinner if you don't tidy up the garbage? ISTOCK

Mind your cottage manners

Check if pets are allowed

We're mostly talking dogs here, unless you're bringing up that Crowntail Betta fish. Your dog might be more well-behaved than you are, but find out ahead of time if Wishbone is invited, too. If renting a private cottage, the owner will indicate if pets are allowed. Even if they are, remember you aren't at home: Don't leave your pet alone in the cottage and keep them on the property at all times.



Man's best friend isn't always a welcome visitor: Ask first. ISTOCK

Take beach gear

When off to the local beach, ten Brummeler reminds us to bring our own beach supplies like towels and chairs. If you're coming with kids, ask if you need to bring your own kids toys. If your cottage happens to back onto a beach, it's important to remember that bonfires are normally only allowed in designated firepits.



BTW: BYOB means bring your own beach towels, chairs, toys and sunscreen. ISTOCK

Arrive with a gift

Don't stress over the perfect gift, you're not looking for an anniversary present. "(It) can be something fancy from Williams and Sonoma or a funky pair of oven mitts from Home-sense," says ten Brummeler. "You can spend only \$10 and it's a nice gesture to say thank you for having me up." Other options include board games, barbecue or fishing supplies, or hand soap and lotion combos.



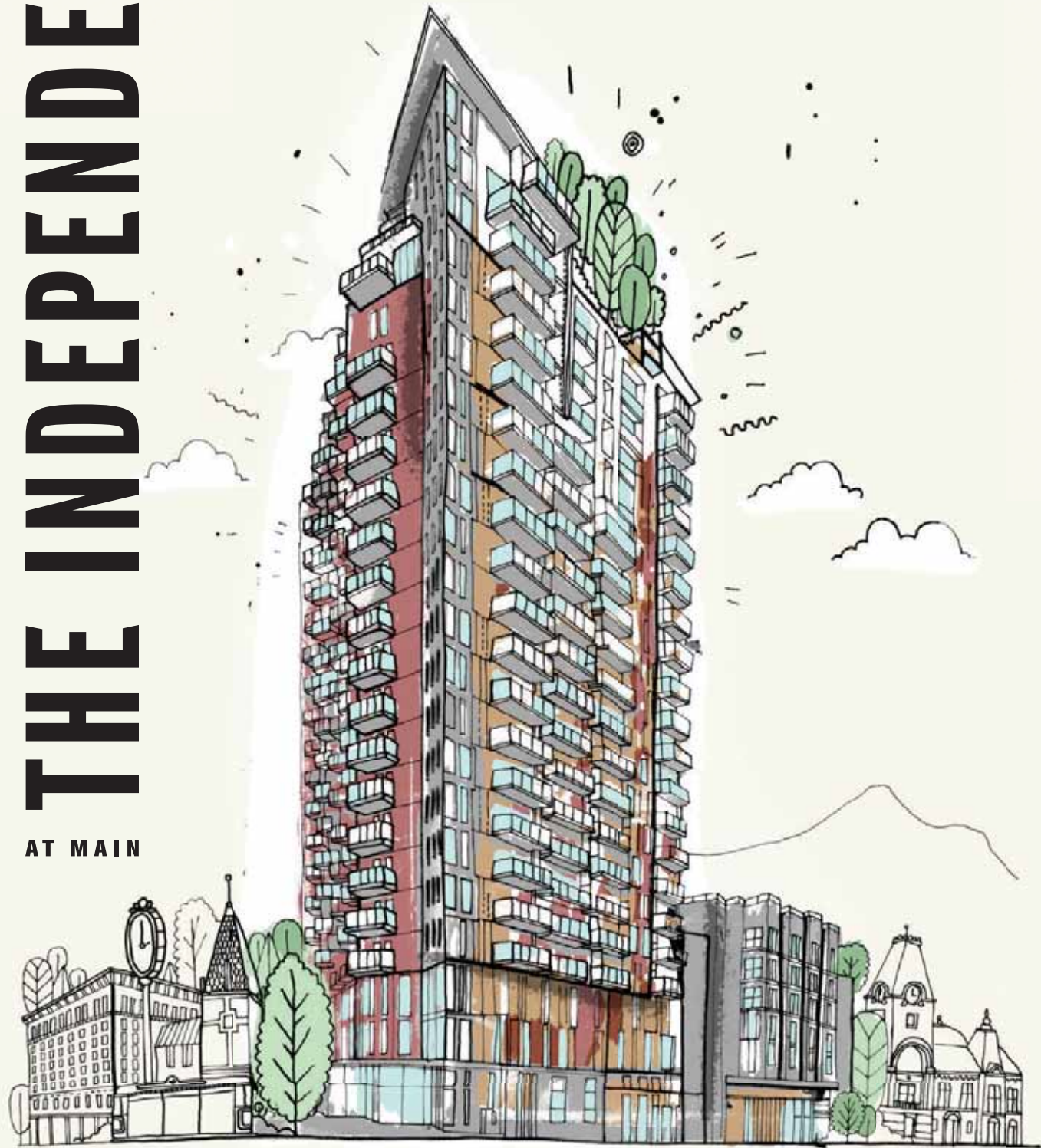
Don't want this to be your last supper at the cottage? Clean the day's catch, chop some firewood and help set and clear the table. ISTOCK

Lend a hand

Usually how you act is more important than what you bring. Offer to chip in gas money if you're using boats or carpooling. Don't forget that your host is on vacation, too, so help out where you can with things like cleaning, setting the table and chopping the wood. Oh, and you don't mind gutting the fish, do you?

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Play it cool for back-to-school

Whether you're a student living at home or studying in another city, it's important to have a space that reflects your personality and style. From the outdoorsy type to the bookworm, here are some trending decor items for all sorts of cool kids



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The reader

Relax and lounge in style while reading that page-turner of a novel, plus gain an extra bed for sleepovers. Flow Lounge chair-bed, \$300, Structube.com.

The hipster

Macramé and knitting are all the rage again, at least for windows or as a hanging headboard. Magical Thinking's Crochet Fringe Curtain Panels, \$189, UrbanOutfitters.com.



The jock

Cool dude bedding for the sports enthusiast. There's no need to pick up your kicks for this laid-back look. Chuck Taylor Reversible Duvet Cover and Pillow Sham, from \$95, Simons.com.

The outdoorsy type

Share your love of music and the great outdoors in comfy style. It's like you never left summer camp. Bruce Pillow, \$40, CB2.com.



The retro-ista

The perfect small-space desk adds vintage style and an airy feel, turning anyone into Don Draper Jr. Pencil Desk, \$400, WestElm.com.

Candy-coloured kitchen

Bright ideas. Adding paintbox colours to the kitchen creates a vibrant modern look

Kitchens in traditional and vintage homes often are dressed in conservative garb: neutral hues, stainless steel, white-on-white or beige-on-beige.

Historically, however, kitchens were actually pretty peppy, according to Deborah Baldwin, editor of This Old

House magazine.

"Pastel greens, blues, creams and peaches reigned until the early 1930s, when casual, built-in eating areas were painted Kelly green, red and even black," she says.

"We have readers who are introducing brightly coloured cabinets and appliances in tomato, pumpkin and daisy," she adds.

At this spring's Architectural Digest Home Design Show in New York, manufacturers were showing lots of vibrantly hued kitchen equipment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Designer Meg Caswell painted walls red then added a clear glass cover to create a vibrant backsplash. Elements like this, as well as stools, countertop appliances and textiles are great ways to inject colour into a kitchen for a look that's unexpected and modern. **HGTV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Add vivid walls or a 'jewel-box' ceiling

Kitchens of any vintage can look great with colourful walls. Pumpkin, cobalt and deep Prussian blue enhance all kinds of woods, whether you're working with 19th-century pine, Craftsman-era oak or mid-century walnut.

- Or consider the ceiling. In a small galley kitchen, bold colour on the ceiling creates a "jewel box" effect. Deep hues like eggplant, navy, magenta or carmine complement white cabinetry in a large kitchen, and look great in both natural and artificial light.
- New York designer Gideon Mendelson applied a pea-green gingham canvas cloth to the ceiling of a country house kitchen, and painted the island in a similar shade. With a collection of vintage baskets displayed along the tops of snowy wood cabinetry, the vibe is relaxed, fresh and contemporary. (www.mendelsongroupinc.com)

A range of colours

Bertazzoni's Arancio range came in orange, burgundy and yellow. Big Chill displayed a wall full of paint-box hues including jadite (a milky green), cherry and pink. AGA's Signature line of beefy, professional-grade ranges comes in intriguing colours like aubergine, duck-egg blue, heather, pistachio, claret and British racing green. (www.bertazzoni.com; www.bigchill.com; www.aga-ranges.com)



With strong colour trending in kitchens, Big Chill's vibrant hues in fridges, ovens and range hoods hit the style mark. As a pop of colour in an otherwise low-key kitchen, or as part of an overall exuberant space, appliances like these — particularly with some retro details — stand out from the standard stainless offerings. **BIG CHILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

If you like metallics

Fans of metallics might go for Blue Star's dramatic collection of ranges, wall ovens and hoods in copper, gold and a chocolate-y ginger, as well as several hundred other colours and finishes. (www.blue-starcooking.com)

In a rental? Go for bright accessories

If you're in a rental with limited decorating options, go for colour accents like Fiesta ware, rag rugs, a couple of snazzy stools, and counter appliances in candy hues.

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Home is where the value is

Market shift has realtors changing their tune By Stephanie Orford

Tides are turning in Vancouver real estate. Condo mania is over and there are many options open to buyers, according to Ray Harris, president of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver and realtor with the Harris-Johnson team in Coquitlam.

"The market hit the low point on Dec. 31, 2012, and from that point on we saw slow growth coming back, but it hasn't come back as strongly with apartments," Harris says. "There seems to be a glut of apartments across the Lower Mainland."

Since then, real estate prices have gone up by about six per cent, on average, he says, but condo prices have grown significantly less.

New apartments coming on the market "need to be well-priced," he explains.

One of Harris's clients recently bought a large, 22nd floor one-bedroom condo in the Tri-City area for about \$425,000 — a price that wouldn't have been achievable three years ago, he says. "Those sales are out there right now."

"YOUR END GOAL IS TO TRY TO GET A HOUSE, BECAUSE YOU'RE BUYING THE LAND. LAND APPRECIATES AND STRUCTURES DEPRECIATE."

— Ray Harris, president, Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver

Those interested in buying real estate should also consider their options for buying a townhouse or detached home.

"As realtors, up to two years ago we would have said get in, start investing in your apartment, and then move up to a townhouse and then finally get your detached home." However, because owners aren't seeing the entry-level condos selling as well, "it has kind of held back the escalation in prices across the whole gamut," explains Harris.

To put things in perspective, real estate investments are going up slowly in Vancouver, so regardless whether you invest in a condo, townhouse or detached home, your equity will very likely increase.

Harris estimates that you might see a four per cent return in your investment on a detached home, while with an apartment you might see about one per cent. Town homes fall somewhere in the middle.

Developers are building good condo product now, and there are still good buys to be found in the condo market, Harris says. "It's just that they're not going to give you necessarily the appreciation you'd see in a townhome or detached."

SHUTTERSTOCK

Give the garage some organizational TLC

Move over kitchens and bathrooms, homeowners are focusing on a new part of the home: the garage. No longer just a place to park the car and lawn equipment, today's garages are getting bigger and better. Here are a few quick and easy projects to create a useful and organized garage.

MAKE A GRAND ENTRANCE. While your garage may be a mess inside, begin your update with a good exterior impression. Adding a coat of paint to the main garage doors can make a dramatic update. And don't stop there. Jazz up metal side-entrance doors with a more vibrant shade.

EMPTY AND ORGANIZE. Now that your garage is looking great from the outside, it's time to tackle the inside. Start by pulling everything out into the driveway, organizing the contents into groups: lawn and garden; tools and hardware; toys, games and bikes; and for items you no longer want or need — garage sale. While the space is empty, give it a good cleaning from top to bottom.

CREATE A WORKSTATION. No matter what your hobbies or interests, you'll likely need a space to do work. Assess how much room you can allocate and then create a station to accomplish tasks easily. Old metal tool cabinets are an excellent way to create an inexpensive DIY workbench.

First, thoroughly clean the surfaces and then spray paint it in your favourite colour to not only make it look great, but keep the metal surface protected from rust. Next, mount a work surface to the top. Now you'll have a designated work area — with all your necessary tools within arm's reach.

KEEP HARDWARE HANDY. While tool cabinets keep tools neatly stored away, there are some readily used tools that you want to keep in plain sight. For these items, hang a pegboard on the wall above your new workstation and equip it with a variety of hooks and bins. To take your organization a step further, spray paint outlines of each tool to show where they go. Finally, there will be no excuse to not put the screwdriver away!

LET THERE BE LIGHT. If your garage is like most, it has a single incandescent bulb hanging from the ceiling ... definitely not emitting enough light to do any work. Luckily, lighting up your space can be simple and inexpensive with a fluorescent light fixture. Available in a variety of lengths, these fixtures can easily be installed by hanging from chains mounted into the ceiling and simply plugging into a power source.

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No luxury was spared for Surrey homes

Concord development accommodates family

For those looking to find a home where they can feel part of a community, the Park Avenue developments are the place for you.

Park Avenue WEST will feature 462 homes, including seven townhouses.

With prices starting in the \$190,000-range, homes are suitable for everyone from students to young families.

As with all of Concord Pacific's develop-

ments, no luxury was spared for the conscientious prospective buyer.

"We're bringing downtown and Yaletown finishes to Surrey," says Cody Ma, the assistant manager for project marketing with Concord Pacific.

In the kitchen, cabinetry with open glass LED display and under-cabinet lighting shine a spotlight on the area. Kohler faucets with marble tile backsplashes add a touch of class, while the integrated fridge and dishwasher give a modern, European flare.

Bathrooms feature quartz countertops, marble tile backsplashes and a custom,

LED-lit medicine cabinet. The vanity also features slide-out, soft-close hardware, and topped with a premium Kohler sink and faucet.

While residents get to enjoy their homes, Concord Pacific has made the rest of the development just as luxurious.

A tennis court, putting green, outdoor yoga pavilion, fitness studio, theatre and entertainment lounge with wet bar are planned to create a place for adult residents to workout and relax. A children's playground is being installed for those residents with families.

Park Avenue WEST residents are even able to enjoy the outdoor pool and pool house with an entertainment kitchen, lounge, hot tub, steam room and sauna, private cabanas, a meeting room and a golf simulator.

"The lobbies are inspired by hotels, with full-time concierge. The list of incredible amenities just goes on and on," says Ma.

For more information or to see the show homes, head to the Surrey Sales Centre in Unit 11 – 9908 King George Blvd., or at the Park Place Plaza next to the King George Skytrain station. To speak to a sales representative, call 604-583-9866.

Community is a cornerstone

Making condo developments more than just a home but also a community has been a staple of Concord Pacific's plan in Surrey.

Park Avenue WEST, its most recent development, put a special emphasis on creating an environment where residents could freely socialize and build relationships with each other.

"We are building Surrey's largest community in a prime location where amenities are accessible within minutes. In fact, since Concord Pacific's investment into Surrey, we've sold over 1,000 homes," says Cody Ma, the assistant manager for project marketing with Concord Pacific.

Concord Pacific's commitment to the community of Surrey extends beyond their developments. The company provides space for Arts Umbrella and even offers a scholarship and bursary to help Surrey students attend university.

The development is a stone's throw away from the King George Skytrain Station, allowing residents easy access to any part of the city. Holland Park is minutes away for those looking to stretch their legs and take in idyllic nature.

"It opens up all your opportunities to explore the city. It's great for students who want access to Surrey city centre," Ma says.

With easy access to Simon Fraser University



and with Kwantlen Polytechnic University opening up a new campus in the area, the region is growing and offering more for residents.

About 1,000 residents are moving in to Surrey every month with the city on pace to surpass Vancouver's population in the next 10 or 20 years.

More infrastructure such as hospitals and bridges are being built around the city as it expands and more people move to the region.

Large companies are also increasingly looking to establish headquarters in the bustling city, showing the demand for real estate throughout the city.

Concord's decision to invest and construct large-scale developments in Surrey is a testament to the change being seen in the city.



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WEST HOMES' SALES FOLLOW PARK AVENUE

"We've launched Phase 1 of Park Avenue last year and it has been an incredible success," says Cody Ma, the assistant manager for project marketing with Concord Pacific.

More than 750 people went through the door of the showroom on the grand opening, with 200 homes being snapped up in the process.

"It was the fastest selling project in Surrey," says Ma. "In fact, we've seen the momentum continue on with our second phase, Park Avenue WEST, and homes are selling fast."

The development is part of Park

Place Community, being built by Concord Pacific in Surrey.

Phase 1 and the Park Avenue WEST tower will be joined together by town homes, with the WEST tower being one storey higher.

Luxury amenities at the development include a tennis court, putting green, outdoor yoga pavilion, fitness studio, swimming pool, sky garden and even a theatre.

More than 90 per cent of the homes – out of 420 – in Phase 1 have been sold to prospective residents. Phase 2, Park Avenue WEST is now selling.

"It shows there's a huge demand for condos in this area and it has been a very positive experience," Ma says.



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KEEP YOUR COSTS UNDER CONTROL

FIND QUALITY BACK-TO-SCHOOL ITEMS

Back-to-school shopping season is here and the fashion shopping choices are staggering. How can parents keep costs under control while still getting a good selection of quality items?

Try shopping second-hand.

Consider two moms: Nina and Sarah.

Both have two growing kids that constantly need new clothing, particularly for the coming school year. Nina buys new. Sarah buys second-hand.

Nina is budget conscious and loves finding deals, but she only shops for children's clothing at stores that sell new items.

When Nina buys new, she finds that shoes, jeans, shirts and other basics each cost \$20 or more, so when Nina shops for her two children she often spends more than \$100 on each.

And when Nina wants to purchase high-quality and brand-name items for her kids, the price gets even higher.

Sarah, on the other hand, purchases clothing for her children second-hand at Value Village. On the Value Village racks, Sarah finds

incredible deals: Most items cost between \$3 and \$10. She can find a whole outfit for each child — shirt, jeans, shoes, coat — for less than \$30.

Since Value Village hand-picks only the best-quality items to be sold in the store, Sarah has plenty of options for very good value. She finds name-brand clothing and household items for much less than Nina is paying for pieces of the same quality.

The selection at Value Village is great, too. Sarah finds just as much or more selection on the racks in the children's section than Nina does in a department store. Value Village is a treasure trove of pieces that Sarah's children love.

Nina's shopping choices are also less environmentally friendly than Sarah's. By purchasing second-hand clothing, Sarah is helping to reduce the number of items that go to the landfill.

Back-to-school deals happen every day at Value Village.

For more information, please visit valuevillage.com. — Stephanie Orford

Work the racks for the best deals

Second-hand shopping for your kids is quite different from buying new.

Malee Perera is a mom based in Vancouver who buys about 50 per cent of her eight-year-old son's wardrobe from second-hand stores, including Value Village.

Here's how she makes the most of her thrift shopping experience:

ESTABLISH YOUR CRITERIA

Learn to sift through the unique pieces and find something that's right for you.

Perera assesses criteria, including the quality of the fabric and construction of the clothing item, what condition it's in and whether it's something she thinks would suit her son's sense of style.

IF YOU DON'T FIND ANYTHING, JUST COME BACK IN A DAY OR TWO

Value Village stocks

an ever-changing selection of about 100,000 items, and since 5,000 to 10,000 new items come into each store every day, there's always something new.

"That is what's so great about second-hand shopping," Perera says.

"Sometimes I'll find a couple of things I like one day, and then I'll find 10 things another day."

The same goes for shopping at different locations, Perera

says. If she doesn't find what she's looking for at one store, she tries another. There are more than 125 Value Village locations across Canada.

STOCK UP

"Sometimes when I go to Value Village, I won't find anything that my son can use right now, but I will find something

that will be useful a few months from now," Perera says. "If you see it and know you'll need it later, buy it now."

LOOK FOR DEALS

Shopping at Value Village is a great deal on its own, but shoppers can find even more deals if they know where and when to look.

Value Village shoppers can get even more deals

by signing up for a Super Savers Club Card.

The card gives members discounts on select items, and members get updates on upcoming sales and deals.

— Stephanie Orford



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PAY IT FORWARD

Fall is a fresh start for style, and it's also a time to clean out your closet and donate to a worthy cause at the same time.

If you have clothing or household items that you don't use anymore, donate them. Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations so that every purchase helps provide sustainable funding for vital community programs and services. Every item you donate helps.

Value Village is also one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, keeping more than 294 million kilograms (650 million pounds — the weight of two cruise ships) of quality goods from landfills.

Last year, Value Village repurposed 329 million tops, 59 million pairs of shoes, 114 million pairs of pants and 28 million coats.

Anything that your kids grow out of can be donated. It's a great way to give back to the community.

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Check 1, 2: Theisen-Eaton wins gold, Zelinka silver in heptathlon

Gold medalist Brianne Theisen-Eaton, left, and silver medalist Jessica Zelinka celebrate after running the 800 metres in the heptathlon at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, on Wednesday. Theisen-Eaton, a 25-year-old from Humboldt, Sask., won gold with a score of 6,597, while Zelinka, 32, from London, Ont., had a score of 6,270. Scan the image with the Metro News app for more from Day 7 of the Commonwealth Games.

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Rookie Bazzie impressing Lions

CFL. Marshall University product has three sacks in his last two games



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Alex Bazzie isn't afraid to wear green around the B.C. Lions practice facility. It has nothing to do with the rival Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Bazzie played his college football for the Marshall University Thundering Herd in West Virginia. In November of 1970, tragedy struck the

school and Huntington community when a plane carrying almost the entire football team crashed only miles from a runway, killing 75 people on board.

"Playing for Marshall, it really made me humble. It showed me and helped me become a man," said Bazzie, now a rookie defensive lineman with B.C.

"That's something that banded the school together. I wasn't alive or even around in that era, but to see and hear everyone's story, it seems like it really brought the community together. And that's what made Huntington Huntington

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"He is growing leaps and bounds every single day."

Lions head coach Mike Benevides on defensive lineman Alex Bazzie

after that."

The Lions signed Bazzie prior to June's training camp in Kamloops.

Early on in his CFL career, he's been a nice fit in what has been a solid B.C. defence, particularly against the pass, through five games.

It's not just his physical tools, playing on the outside

of the defensive line, but with his smarts on the football field, too.

He's already recorded three quarterback sacks in the last two games.

He's one sack shy of his career total at Marshall. It's a nice number, but it doesn't measure his entire contribution, according to head coach Mike Benevides.

"He is growing leaps and bounds every single day," said Benevides.

"He learns, he listens, he's focused, he's got athleticism ... now it's very hard to put all that together when the game's coming fast."



Lions running back Andrew Harris rushed for 137 yards and a touchdown against the Roughriders on July 12 in Regina. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

Harris named top Canadian for July

Twice already this season, Lions running back Andrew Harris has taken a weekly award for the CFL's top Canadian.

He has once again earned top Canadian accolades, this time for the month of July.

After five weeks, Harris leads the league in rushing yards with 311 yards from scrimmage with 579.

"It's not Andrew Harris the national or Canadian. It's An-

drew Harris the tail back. He's an elite player," said head coach Mike Benevides.

"He is playing outstanding football. You're talking about a guy that is in the top five as a receiver. You're talking about a guy (who is) the leading rusher. He's doing all the things he needs to do and we all need to continue to ride him a little bit because he is playing really good." **CAM TUCKER/METRO**

MLS

What a surprise! Whitecaps play to another draw

Traction remains hard to come by for the Vancouver Whitecaps.

Wednesday's 0-0 Major League Soccer draw with Chicago was the Whitecaps' 11th of the season and fourth straight.

Still, Vancouver coach Carl Robinson, whose team is now 6-4-11, 29 points, wasn't entirely displeased with the effort.

"We're disappointed because I think it was a game we could have won," he said. "(But) the boys showed a lot of blood and guts and thunder, they couldn't have given me any more effort."

Each team managed just two official shots on goal, one in each half.

For Chicago (3-5-12, 21 points) the draw was a league-leading 12th, just four away from the all-time MLS record of 16 shared by the Fire and New York Red Bulls.

The Whitecaps had an opportunity in the 49th minute when a sprinting Erik Hurtado crossed directly in front of Fire goalkeeper Sean Johnson but couldn't find a target.

Hurtado had both of Vancouver's shots on goal.

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Indians blank M's

Kluber one-ups King Felix

Corey Kluber hurled a three-hitter to outpitch Felix Hernandez for his first career shutout, Yan Gomes had a two-run double and the Cleveland Indians beat the Seattle Mariners 2-0 on Wednesday night.

Kluber (11-6) held the Mariners to three singles and no walks while striking out eight.

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Jays sweep Red Sox

Buehrle back in the win column

Mark Buehrle pitched 6 2/3 innings to earn his first win in almost two months and Dioner Navarro had three hits and three RBIs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-1 win over the slumping Boston Red Sox. The victory was the Jays' fifth straight and completed the sweep in the three-game series.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Are you closer to reaching the targets you set yourself at the start of the year? If not, it may be time to adjust your sights.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

A colleague will let you down today and you won't be happy. But don't let it bother you because you're capable of making a success of a project on your own.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Shove any worries you might have to the back of your mind. The Sun in Leo at this time of year brings all sorts of social and travel opportunities.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't be hard on yourself if you haven't yet reached the heights you're aiming for. There is no time limit by which you have to be rich, famous or whatever else you think you should be.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The past is of no concern. The only thing that matters is the future. Take each day as it comes and don't bother looking too far ahead. Your life will always be guided in the right direction.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't tell others what they want to hear, tell them what they need to hear. A dose of reality is the only medicine to cure their ills and you are the one to demonstrate its efficacy.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Winning is important to you but sometimes you take it too far and expect too much of yourself. What happens today will remind you how good the simple things in life can be.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Try something you have never done before. Others may not approve but, if anything, that will make you more determined to go through with it.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Others can waste their money if they wish but you have people depending on you and that means you must stay focused on what is important. You're a lot more responsible than most.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It may seem others are trying to make life difficult for you but likely you're making life difficult for yourself. What happens in the world "out there" depends on what goes on in your head.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Each time you think you're making progress someone changes the rules! The universe is trying to show you there are no hard and rules at all.

♓ Pisces

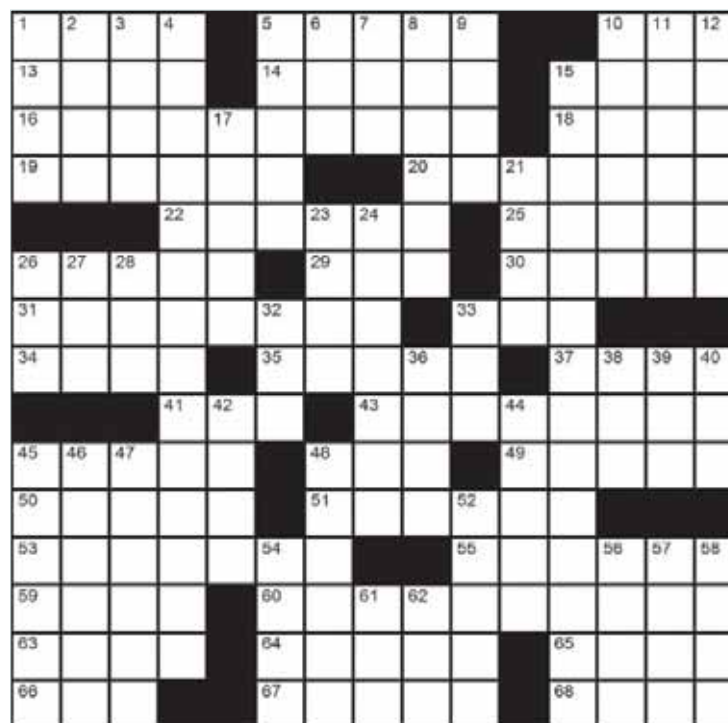
Feb. 20 - March 20

It may annoy you that a friend insists on everything being done their way but go with it. If it's a success you'll share the glory. If it's a failure it's their fault.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Straight-laced
5. Eve of "The Brady Bunch"
10. Printer resolution meas.
13. "Cityline" guest expert Mr. Dilio (Makeup artist)
14. Norse sea god
15. Brussels is its cap.
16. Toronto-born architect of Spain's Guggenheim Museum Bilbao: 2 wds.
18. French for 'the water'
19. Finalize
20. "You and I" Juno-winning singer who co-wrote Icona Pop's new song "Get Lost"
22. On an upswing
25. The Who album: 'Live at ...'
26. Internet device
29. "___ South"
30. Chasm
31. Ottawa: Canada ___ and Space Museum
33. Stockholm's li'l locale
34. Soccer feat
35. Texas landmark to 'remember', The ___
37. Invested-in letters
41. French pronoun
43. ___ tomatoes
45. Verse, in Verdun
48. Diving bird
49. Aerobics-wear material
50. Severus ___ ('Harry Potter' character)
51. Dictation-taker, briefly
53. Is employed: 3 wds.
55. Rioting reason
59. 'Symptom' suffix
60. Archies hit co-written by Canada's Andy Kim: 2 wds.



63. Shriveled
64. Actor Jeremy
65. Olfactory organ
66. Operative
67. Irish playwright, J.M. ___
68. Disapproving sounds!

Down

1. Computer files, e.g.
2. To laugh: French
3. Take ___ the waist
4. Canadian team in Major League Soccer: 2 wds.
5. Book parts
6. Actor Jason
7. "Icky!"
8. Desert wanderer's vision
9. Welsh opera singer Mr. Terfel
10. "So You Think You Can Dance" host Cat
11. Checkered patterns
12. Elton John's "___"

That's Why They Call It the Blues"

15. Nova Scotia desert: 2 wds.
17. The Kiss painter, Gustav ___
21. 'Hunger Games' actress ...her nickname
23. Rocker Billy
24. Canadian territory
26. Chatelaine, e.g.
27. Drake's record label, ___ Sound
28. Day: Spanish
32. '___' in Iqaluit (#24-Down's capital)
33. Abel, to Adam
36. Mr. Myers
38. Mr. Ocasek
39. Li'l season
40. Potted plant particle
42. Actor, ___ Cobb
44. Entrepreneur Mr. Musk's
45. "Hooley!" [pl.]
46. How police might get information: 3 wds.
47. Without problem
48. Bruce Springsteen album: 'Greetings from ___ Park N.J.'
52. Health care professional
54. Medical suffix
56. Inflated ids
57. Regina's prov.
58. "___ bien!"
61. 'Poly' suffix
62. Director Mr. Lee

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

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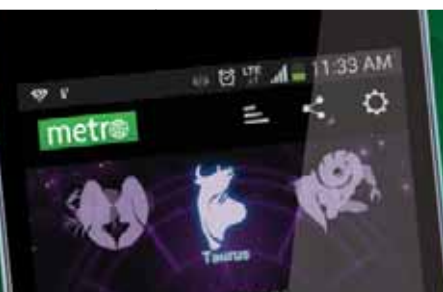
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Yesterday's Sudoku



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